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ARTS CALENDAR APRIL 2010

PERFORMANCES/CLASSES

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DIANE MARINO TRIO MAKES GAINESVILLE DEBUT EVENINGS OF INTIMATE JAZZ

On **Friday, April 16th** the Arts Council's Evenings of Intimate Jazz will present the Diane Marino Trio.

Singer/pianist Diane Marino was born in Manhattan, NYC. She received her early piano training of classical studies and improvisation from the age of 10. Diane was accepted on NYC'S 'Famed' High School for the Performing Arts as a classical piano major. She later attended the Mannes College of Music in Manhattan where she studied piano with world-renowned concert pianist Murray Perahia. While working towards her Bachelor of Music degree in piano performance, Diane began singing with small groups in the NYC tri-state area. After graduating from Mannes, she was singing professionally 6 nights a week. It was only natural and a matter of time before she would combine her singing and piano playing skills. Marino possesses one of those rare voices that grabs hold of you and gives you nothing but total pleasure from the beginning to the end of her performance.



The veteran Nashville jazz singer drew national airplay and press raves for her recent album *Just Groovin'* by tapping into the timeless melodic brilliance of a well-chosen list of pop and rock standards, most from the 1960s. Working with big-band arrangements and assisted by jazz blowers Houston Person and Kirk Whalum, the liquid-voiced Marino reworks familiar tunes like "Baby, It's You," "Walking in the Rain," John Loudermilk's great "Then You Can Tell Me Goodbye," and "Groovin'," done as a duet with Felix Cavaliere, whose soulful tenor powered the original Young Rascals hit. A Nashville club favorite in the '90s with the Latin jazz-rock band Som Brasileiro, Marino now concentrates on small-combo gigs softly lit with supper-club sophistication. Michael McCall The Nashville Scene.

Diane performed solo gigs for several years in the NYC area before teaming up with bassist Frank Marino. The duo formed the nine member Brazilian group, 'Som Brasileiro' (Sounds of Brazil) in 1993 and have performed at numerous jazz festivals, venues and concerts in the Southeast sharing the bill with artists such as Tania Maria, Pete Escovedo, Joe Henderson and Dr. John, to name a few. Diane's debut jazz quartet CD 'A Sleepin' Bee' was released in 2003 and has received national acclaim charting on the national charts as well as receiving extensive radio airplay and rave reviews. This CD offers a wide array of vocal and instrumental traditional jazz standards, Latin jazz, and Brazilian jazz (sung in Portuguese).

Marino's Gainesville performance will include a variety of jazz styles from Brazilian, Portuguese, jazz standards in addition to other soulful styles.

The 2010 season finale performance is the *Sam Skelton All Star Quartet on Saturday, May 8th*. Individual performance ticket prices remain \$30 per person or \$25 each for a group of 6 or more. As always, complimentary glasses, ice, set-ups, coffee and light snacks are included in all Evenings of Intimate Jazz indoor events.

To order your individual performance tickets call the Arts Council at 770-534-2787 or online www.theartscouncil.net.

APR 8-11, 15-18, 22-25 DAMN YANKEES is presented in the Holly Theater Dahlonega. Performances: 8pm Thurs-Sat; 2pm Sunday. Admission: \$20 adults, \$19 senior and \$17 student/children. Information: 706-864-3759 or www.hollytheater.com.

APR 15-18 & 22-24 ON GOLDEN POND is presented by the Georgia Mountain Players at the Georgia Mountains Center Theatre. Info: 770-536-4677 or gmplayers@bellsouth.net.

APR 16 EVENINGS OF INTIMATE JAZZ FEATURING THE DIANE MARINO TRIO is presented at the Arts Council's Smithgall Arts Center. Performance: 8pm. Tickets: \$30 per person. Information: 770-534-2787 or online www.theartscouncil.net.

APR 23 GSO YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONCERT is presented by the Gainesville Symphony Orchestra at Pearce Auditorium Brenau University. Performances: 9:30am and 11:00am. Tickets and Information: 770-532-5727 or www.gainesvillesymphony.com.

APR 24 SIXTH ANNUAL CHICKEN FESTIVAL is presented in Roosevelt Square Gainesville. Hours: 10am to 5pm. Info: 770-297-1141 or mainstreet@gainesville.org.

APR 24 SPRING CLASSICAL CONCERT: A NIGHT AT THE OPERA is presented by the Gainesville Symphony Orchestra at Pearce Auditorium Brenau University. Featuring: Sherri Seiden, Soprano. Performance: 7:30pm. Tickets: \$30 adults, \$27 seniors and \$12 students/children. Information: 770-532-5727 or www.gainesvillesymphony.com.

Apr 30-May 1 THE LORD NELSON MASS is presented by the Voices of North Georgia at the Lakewood Baptist Church. Performance: 7:30pm nightly. Admission: \$15 General Admission, \$12 seniors/students and \$5 children under 11. Information: 678-943-7255 or www.voicesofnorthgeorgia.com.

MAR 5-APR 11 WILD AND WHIMSICAL exhibition is at the Sautee Nacoochee Center Gallery. Artist reception: Mar 6 from 6:30pm to 8pm. Admission: Free. Gallery Hours: Mon-Fri 9am to 5pm; Sat 10am to 5pm and Sun 1pm to 5pm. Information: 706-878-3300 or www.snca.org.

APR 1-28 GRADUATING ART STUDENTS EXHIBIT at the Roy C. Moore Art Gallery Gainesville State College. Admission: Free. Info: bsale@gsc.edu.

APR 1-MAY 29 GEORGIA WATERCOLOR SOCIETY EXHIBITION is at the Bowen Arts Center Dawsonville. Exhibit reception: April 17 2pm to 4pm. Admission: Free. Gallery Hours: Tues-Friday 10am to 4pm; Saturday 12pm to 4pm. Information: 706-216-2787 or www.dawsonarts.org.

APR 8-MAY 30 "BIRDS NEST INVITATIONAL" AND THE "COLORED PENCIL SOCIETY OF AMERICA" exhibits are at the Quinlan Visual Arts Center. Additional artists exhibiting: Nancy Dusenberry and ceramic artists Jennifer Graff. Admission: Free. Gallery Hours: Mon-Fri 9am to 5pm, Sat 10am to 5pm, Sun 12pm to 4pm. Information: 770-536-2575 or online www.quinlanartscenter.org.

APR 13-23 THE 2010 BRENAU COLLABORATIVE is the undergraduate Juried Exhibition and Senior Projects and Portfolio Exhibit. All Gallery Spaces. Exhibit reception: Apr 17 from 5:30pm to 8pm. Admission: Free; Gallery Hours: call 770-534-6263. Information: 770-534-6263 or www.brenau.edu.

APR 16- MAY 23 RAIN OR SHINE exhibition is at the Sautee Nacoochee Center Gallery. Artist reception: Apr 16 from 6:30pm to 8pm. Admission: Free. Gallery Hours: Mon-Fri 9am to 5pm; Sat 10am to 5pm and Sun 1pm to 5pm. Information: 706-878-3300 or www.snca.org.

THE ARTS COUNCIL'S 2010 ARTS COUNCIL PEARCE SERIES "DANIEL RODRIGUEZ"

The 2010 Arts Council Pearce Series will continue on **Thursday, May 20, 2010 with Daniel Rodriguez**. Although well-known from New York to Washington, D.C., as one of NYPD's official singers, the 10-year police veteran gained national and international recognition for his renditions of the national anthem and "God Bless America" at memorial services after the 9/11 terrorist attacks. Rodriguez has performed internationally, including at the 2002 Winter Olympics and other sporting events. He starred in the PBS Memorial Day Concert in Washington, D.C., and President George W. Bush's Celebration of Freedom inauguration concert. He has appeared on "The Late Show with David Letterman," "Larry King Live," "Live with Regis and Kelly" and "Oprah."



"For me, life is an experience, life is a ride. You can't say, 'I'm going to take this road and that's it,'" says Rodriguez. "There have always been doors that open for me, and it's having the courage to walk through them and experience what's behind them that has made life interesting and has gotten me where I am."

Tickets for Daniel Rodriguez are \$25 per person. Daniel Rodriguez will perform in the Georgia Mountains Center Theater 100 Main Street in downtown Gainesville.

The Atlanta Symphony Orchestra will close out the series outdoors at the Arts Council Smithgall Arts Center on Friday, July 30th. This season marks the ASO's 35th annual performance for our Gainesville and North Georgia audience. Tickets for the 8pm performance are \$35 adults, \$32 seniors and \$28 students/children. For more information regarding the 2010 series and to purchase tickets visit our website at www.theartscouncil.net.